

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the Application, of which claim 1 is independent. Applicants amend claims 1, 4, and 8 and cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (Office Action at page 3). Therefore, Applicants amend claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2 and 3. Further, Applicants amend dependent claim 8 to include the limitations formerly recited in independent claim 1, transforming claim 8 into an independent claim. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments render claims 1 and 4-8 allowable, and respectfully request that the Examiner pass claims 1 and 4-8 to issuance.

Applicants amend the Specification as requested by the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the Specification.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe that the pending application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner deems that issues persist, please contact the Applicants' attorney.

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